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SUBJ: COCOA CONFERENCE: CLOSING SESSION

SUMMARY: COCOA CONFERENCE CONCLUDED OCT 20 WITH ADOPTION
OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY CHAIRMAN'S CONTACT GROUP
OCT 18. IVORY COAST REAFFIRMED DECISION NOT TO JOIN.
US DID NOT SPEAK.

1. UN COCOA CONFERENCE MET IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
PLENARY SESSION EVENING OCT 20. CONFERENCE ADOPTED TEXT
OF AGREEMENT EMBODYING LANGUAGE WORKED OUT IN CHAIRMAN'S
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CONTACT GROUP OCT 18 (20 COPIES POUCHED EB/ICD/TRP).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED EXTENDING LIFE OF LEGAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO CLEAN UP AUTHRNTIC LANGUAGES TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS AND ASKING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UN TO FORWARD COPIES TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

2. IVORY COAST MADE STATEMENT REAFFIRMING THAT IT COULD NOT SIGN AGREEMENT BECUASE PRICE RANGE WAS TOO LOW. IVORY COAST REP SAID HIS COUNTRY CONTINUES TO FAVOR COM-MODITY AGREEMENTS BUT COULD NOT SUPPORT PROPOSED AGREE-MENTS AS PRICE RANGE WAS IN REAL TERMS LESS THAN PRICE RANGE IN 1972 AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF MAINTAINING PRICE BETWEEN 39 AND 55 CENTS WHEREAS STUDIES SHOW AVERAGE PRICE IN NEAR FUTURE WILL BE OVER 50 CENTS. IVORY COAST CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO AN AGREEMENT WHICH DOESN'T OFFER SUFFICIENT PROTECTION TO ITS FARMERS. (RUMOR CIRCULATING AT CONFERENCE THAT IVORY COAST WILL PROBABLY SIGN AFTER UPCOMING ELECTIONS).

3. DURING GENERAL ROUND OF CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES JUST BEFORE CONFERENCE ENDED GHANIAN DEL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH NEW AGREEMENT AND PREDICTED THAT IT WILL CALL FORTH AN ABUNDANCE OF COCOA IN THE FUTURE. GHANIAN ALSO SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY RESPECTED THE POSITION OF THOSE WHO COULD NOT JOIN NEW AGREEMENT, BUT URGED THAT THEY DO SO. JAPANESE DEL ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENT THAT IT APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND URGED ALL MAJOR DELEGATIONS TO JOIN AGREEMENT. ABRAMS

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